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NEBRASKA CITY, NEBR., *January 9, 1899.*

SIR: I beg leave to report finding 2 infected houses in the country, 8 miles southwest, using no caution or attempt at isolation, the husband and the brother of 1 case going about to neighbors shelling corn, the brother coming into town while we were there to see his mother, who had also been out to the farm caring for the sick one. Two new cases reported this noon, 1 having been hidden two weeks. The quarantine can accomplish relatively little now. Even the doctor on the school board thinks we have vaccinated all we can without authority.

Governor Holcomb in his message recommended changes in the law for contagious diseases in cattle, but despite his promise said nothing of a law to apply to the health of man, of which we have really nothing except in larger cities.

Respectfully,

S. R. TOWNE,
Medical Inspector.

Case of smallpox in Northampton County, N. C.

RALEIGH, N. C., *January 12, 1899.*

SIR: You are hereby informed that 1 case of smallpox has been reported to this office as existing in Northampton County. The origin of the disease is from Norfolk, Va. Precautions taken as usual.

R. H. LEWIS,
Secretary of State Board of Health of North Carolina.

Smallpox in Wayne and Lee counties, Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA, *January 13, 1899.*

SIR: There are 7 cases of smallpox in Wayne County, 1 being in the town of Seymour and 6 in the country, 5 miles distant, with 1 death at the latter point. There is also a case at West Point, in Lee County. The former outbreak occurred from exposure at Nebraska City, Nebr., and the latter from Omaha, Nebr.

Very respectfully,

J. F. KENNEDY,
Secretary, Iowa State Board of Health.

Smallpox at Ponce, Porto Rico.

[Telegram.]

JANUARY 17, 1899.

SIR: Forty-six cases of smallpox at Ponce.

GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

False report of smallpox in Creek Nation, Indian Territory.

In reply to a telegram from the health officer of Oklahoma, that smallpox existed among the whites in the Creek Nation, the following telegram was sent:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 1, 1899.*

Dr. Buxton: Indian office has received dispatch; absolutely no smallpox in Creek Nation. Facts regarding cases in Oklahoma should be reported to governor. Suppression is the duty of the territorial or local

governments, but United States Quarantine Regulations should be enforced. Mailed you to-day. Wire Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

WYMAN,
Surgeon-General.

Smallpox in Georgia.

Reports having been received at the Bureau of the prevalence of smallpox in Georgia, the following telegrams were sent and received :

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 13, 1899.*

WERTENBAKER, U. S. M. H. S., *Wilmington, N. C.*

SIR : Nominate temporary acting assistant surgeon and proceed immediately to Clinton, Ga., confer with county commissioners regarding smallpox situation. Government will not take charge nor bear expenses. Give advice and especially urge vaccination. Take with you copies of PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS 11 and 12 of last year, in which the method of suppressing smallpox in Birmingham, Ala., and Middlesboro, Ky., is given. Report situation by wire and await instructions before returning.

WYMAN,
Surgeon-General.

[Reply.]

ROUND OAK, GA., *January 16, 1899.*

SIR : Arrived here to-day ; met commissioners. Three hundred cases of smallpox in the county since January last, 50 at present in estimated area ten miles square. Tranquilla, Round Oak, Blountsville, and Haddock, Jones County, well infected ; no precautions being taken in Jasper. Infected area extends from Hillsboro to Monticello, but I am informed that cases are being isolated in hospital and other precautions taken. Advised here organization and work on the Middlesboro plan. Finished here ; return to Macon this evening and await orders. * * *

WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Precautions taken to prevent the spread of smallpox through the mail.

KIRKWOOD, ILL., *December 31, 1898.*

To the Postmaster, Kirkwood, Ill. : Believing that it is possible for the disease of smallpox to be communicated through the mails, we, the members of the board of health of said village, do hereby enjoin you to comply with sections 666 and 667 of the United States postal laws, against the village of Biggsville, Ill., from and after this date, and until further notice. Signed day and date above.

W. C. TUBBS,
Mayor.
Dr. J. I. ALLEN,
J. F. HESS,
J. I. SHAUMAN,
Board of Health.

Postmaster at Biggsville, Ill. : Please comply with sections referred to in the above order, until such time as sections 666-667 of Postal Laws and Regulations can be fully complied with.

JOHN HOLLIDAY,
Postmaster.